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STATE THREATENS "STOP THE STINK OR WE WILL"

If owners and operators of piggeries and industries don't cause the odors from their businesses to cease, the State Department of Health will take action, promised Deputy Commissioner Clarence I. Sterling Tuesday at a conference in the State House. 'The State is directly concerned with the nuisances,' he stated, 'because the causes of the odors are also resulting in stream pollution, and therefore the matter is under the jurisdiction of the State Dept. of Public Health.'

Under the powers given to it by the Laws of Massachusetts the State Department of Health could close any industry which was proven to be causing the odors, and exactly as Commissioner Sterling has threatened.

The Town of Reading, which has been most plagued by the obnoxious odors, had met with the Wilmington Board of Health last week, and subsequently instructed the Town Counsel to draw up a formal complaint to the Mass Dept of Public Health so that the Mass DPH would be in a better position to proceed. Selectman Lathrop of Reading said he felt citizens had been entirely too patient.

Representatives of the Mass DPH reported on investigations tests and recommendations they have made, operators of the businesses which are suspected of causing the odors reported what steps had been taken and were contemplated to eliminate the odors. Selectman Lathrop commented that in spite of what has been done, it obviously is not enough, that the odor was very noticeable in Reading Square this Monday morning. Wilmington Board of Health Thibau corroborated this with a report of Tuesday morning odors on West St near the Wilmington-Reading line.

The odor is not attributed to any one source, but apparently is caused by a combination of odors. There was general agree

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ROYALTY AT HAPPY VILLAGE
ROYALTY WAS CROWNED IN WILMINGTON LAST FRIDAY. AT HAPPY VILLAGE, THE PLAYGROUND BEHIND THE HIGH SCHOOL. IT WAS THE LAST DAY OF THE SUMMER PLAYGROUND SEASON.

CROWNED KING OF HAPPY VILLAGE WAS JACKIE GORDEN. THE QUEEN WAS MISS SHARON JOHNSON. BEHIND THE ROYAL COUPLE ARE THE PAGE AND FLOWER GIRLS, TOMMY JOHNSON, PRISCILLA JOHNSON AND SHEILA JOHNSON.

ESQUIRE ESTATES APPROVED BY PLANNING BOARD
The Wilmington Planning has approved the Final Plan of Esquire Estates, in North Wilmington.

The plan as approved will have 66 house lots, on property formerly owned by Thrush. The minimum size of each lot will be 22,500 feet.

Five streets will be constructed in the development, each of them 50 feet wide. There will be an eight inch water main on each street.

Marie Drive, the first to be

constructed will start from Woburn Street, and be parallel to Salem Street. Other streets in the project are named Charlotte Road, Thrush Road, (from Marie Drive to Salem Street) and Gunderson Road and Carson Avenue, the last two being projections of streets already existing in Hathaway Acres.

GLEN ROAD SCHOOL PLANS APPROVED BY STATE DEPT. OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The Town of Wilmington has been notified that the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety has approved of the plans for the proposed Glen Road School.

While the notification was just received this week, the date of the approval was as of April 6, 1957.

ST DOROTHY'S CHICKEN BARBECUE
St Dorothy's Parish of Wilmington has completed plans for a chicken barbecue to be held Saturday, Aug 24, on the church grounds, Main St, with sittings at 5:30 and 6:30 pm.

Tickets are available from the committee or at the affair, a real enjoyable meal is being prepared consisting of barbecued chicken, potato salad, cole slaw, corn on the cob, cranberries, pickles, rolls, ice cream, cake, coffee and punch. Weather permitting the meal will be eaten out of doors, otherwise served in the hall.

Mr and Mrs George Szadis are in charge with the following parishioners assisting: Mr and Mrs Francis Mahoney, Mr and Mrs Anthony Meads, Mr and Mrs John Boeri, Mr and Mrs Anthony Galinis, Mr and Mrs Peter Orlando, Mr and Mrs Theodore Chiricos; also Ernest Crispo, Frank King, Mrs Chas Baldwin, Mrs Helen Casey, Mrs Ann Micalizzi, Mrs Mary Welling, Mrs Isabell Polvere, Mrs Helen Elliott, Mrs R Cormier, Mrs A Riley, Mrs Mollie Aspell, Mrs L Tattersall.

This is a worthwhile treat for the whole family, children up to 12 years of age 75¢. All proceeds are for the benefit of St Dorothy's Church Building Fund.

BUILDING PERMITS FOR 1957 HAVE EXCEEDED \$10 MILLION BY INSPECTORS ESTIMATE

Building Inspector Ernest B. Rice has released figures which show that Building Permits in the town of Wilmington have exceeded \$10,000,000 in valuation up to July 31, 1957.

By the estimate of the contractors the value of the buildings is placed at \$7,242,296. Rice's estimate of their value is \$10,328,640.

This is the first time that Wilmington has ever had such a sizeable figure.

Foremost, of course is the new AVCO plant, which accounts for about \$6 millions. Together with other industrial buildings nine in all, they account for \$9,010,840 according to the Building Inspector.

80 new dwellings are included in the 1957 permits. The contractors declare their value at \$977,200, while Rice believes their value to be \$1,195,750.

FIRE DESTROYS HOME OF SEVEN

Wilmington firemen, assisted by Reading fought a four hour battle to save the home of Mr and Mrs Mae L. Roy, on lower Marion Street, on August 15th.

Discovered by neighbors at 6:05 pm, the all-out was not sounded until 10:30 pm.

The firemen were hampered during the two alarm fire because of the distance to the nearest hydrant, which was over half a mile away. The family was away at the time the fire was discovered. It was believed to have started in a partition between the kitchen and the dining room, and to have made its way into the attic before being discovered.

The house is located well down on Marion Street, being fairly close to the 'Apple Monument on Chestnut Street.

Extensive smoke and water damage was caused throughout the dwelling, which was quite badly gutted.



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At the present time we are not going to go
into the details concerning the recent vote of
this town for sewerage. We may not go into the
details for some months - and it may be some
years before we tell the story.

Let it just be said now, for the record, the
vote for sewerage, in Wilmington a few weeks
has a long story, an interesting story behind
it which will reflect greatly to the credit of
people both known and unknown to us.

Let it also be said that the vote for sewer-
age was something that this town will never re-
gret, as we foresee the future. Not only will
we never regret it, but it was, perhaps, the
best bargain this town ever had.

URBAN RENEWAL

Wilmington now finds itself in the relative-
ly pleasant position of being the first commu-
nity in Massachusetts to apply for Urban Renewal
in 1957. As such, if you are a person who is in
favor of Urban Renewal, you must admit that the
chances of this town for getting it are better
than fair.

A lot has been written about this subject,
but it is still a subject for surprising ignor-
ance as far as a lot of people in this town are
concerned. Let us try to explain the whole of
the story in a briefest of a nutshell.

If the application is acted on favorably Wil-
mington will be granted \$62,000. Half of this
(\$31,000) will be devoted to the preparation of
plans for the Urban Renewal Plan, at Wilmington
Square. The other half will not be touched, un-
til after the town has voted to accept those
plans, which it cannot do until it holds a Town
Meeting in which an article has been prepared
for the subject - presumably next March.

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The Town Meeting

If the Town Meeting, next March, has a vote
on Urban Renewal the time will have come then
to either accept or reject the idea, finally
and definitely.

Nothing can be done by the Wilmington Hous-
ing Authority until the Town does this. If the
Town rejects it, that is the end. We could be
asked by the Federal Government to repay the
money we have used in making the plans, but the
chances are really quite remote that this would
happen.

If the Town accepts the idea the Wilmington
Housing Authority can then go ahead with their
plans, as yet unformalized. The acceptance by
the Town will grant to the WHA a tremendous a-
mount of authority, for the area around the
square.

The Powers

The powers of the WHA will allow them to
take any land, within the area, by eminent do-
main. They will be able to develop this land,
sell it, if they wish to the highest bidder,
parcel by parcel, or as one entire tract to one
firm. They can retain such portions as they
wish.

In some cases an entire tract under Urban
Renewal has been sold to one firm, and that
firm has done all the work involved. We don't
know of any instances in Massachusetts, but we
have heard of such things happening in other
states. Such a move has both its good and bad
points, depending on the point of view.

Presumably, if the WHA gets the powers in
town meeting, there will be a taking of all the
undeveloped properties in the area. We would
guess that such developed places as Weinberg's
the two bank buildings, and the Wilmington Cen-
ter Pharmacy Building, to choose a few, will be
untouched. The other buildings will be probably
taken over, remodeled, or sold and removed from
the premises.

We look for the making of new roads. We are
guessing, but we would not be surprised to see
the present Main Street become One Way, for
southbound traffic, and a new street, parallel
to Main Street, for one way traffic northbound.
The new street we would guess, would be about
one hundred yards north of the present Main St.

Costs

One of the two items that seem to worry Mrs.
Drew, as a Selectman of Wilmington, was the
costs of such a project.

There are several ways to overcome the cost
factor, which is estimated to be \$200,000 for
Wilmington.

The new street, of which we spoke, could co-
ver the entire part that Wilmington could be ex-
pected to pay. It would undoubtedly be put in
with State and County assistance, money which
we would not have to spend, but money which we
could take as a credit.

The Wilmington Housing Authority, in its o-
riginal plan included the Walker School and the
Highway Department Buildings. These buildings
are somewhat outmoded, but certainly can be
counted as a part of the town's contribution.

There is even another factor that can go to
the town's credit.

Some day we will have to put a sewer up Lo-
well Street to the Square. Such an enterprise
at the present time looks as though it might be
done twenty years from now - just because of
the costs involved.

But a Redevelopment of the Wilmington Square
area should and probably would mean that sewer-
age should be installed. If we were to install

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TOWN NOTES

Weather

Vacation weather still con-
tinues. Warm days and cool
nights.

We had a sharp thundershower
on August 11th which gave us
.26 inch of rain. Then we had
.06 inches on the 15th to give
us a total of .32 inches for
the week. We cannot keep that
up too long, or we will be
talking about another drought.

Comet

We mentioned, last week, a
'strange object' in the west-
ern sky, spotted by the Ground
Observer corps Monday evening.
Tuesday the Christian Science
Monitor reported that it was
a new comet.

In case you are interested,
take a look to the Northwest
just after sunset. The comet
is very easily seen.

Yellow Brick

We stopped by the other day
to have a sidewalk superintend-
ent's viewpoint of the new
Methodist Church, a building
on Church Street.

The massive foundations, now
standing a waiting for struct-
ural steel do not really im-
press our type of individual
until they are viewed from
the other end - looking to-
wards Church street.

The Rev. Richard Harding
tells us that because of the
cement strike the cement in
the foundation is Canadian.
While we were admiring it one
of the flock joined us. He
appeared just in time to say
that the walls were thick, and
to our ear it almost sounded
as if somebody had said that
Canadians are thick.

The Rev. Richard must have
heard the same thing, for he
hastily corrected any wrong
impression by repeating that
it was the cement that was
Canadian, etc.

He then took us around to see
the brick which is to be used.
He was talking of 'New Eng-
land Red Brick' and we got the
impression that such would be
the color used.

The brick to be used, we must
report, is yellow. The bricks
are longer than the average,
being 12 inches instead of
eight.

Barber Shop

Apparently the busiest place
in Wilmington today is the new
barber shop (Ralph's) in No.
Wilmington. Ralph opened up
a week ago, and has hardly
dropped his scissors since.

Ernie Brabant, we must re-
port, was the first person to
get his hair cut in the new
shop - but the first dollar to
go into the till did not come
from Ernie.

John Elia, owner of the
building, had been conspiring
for several weeks to pay the
first dollar, by getting the
first haircut. The publisher
of this paper forestalled John
(and this will be the first
that John knows of this, when
he reads this item). We paid
for our first haircut a week
or so before we were able to
sit down and get it, in the
new barber shop. Even if John
Elia had beaten Ernie Brabant
he still would not have paid
the first dollar.

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this main during the Redevelopment the cost could be charged off against the Redevelopment. We would have to pay for it, -- yes, -- but in itself it would probably pay all our share of the Redevelopment project, and combined with other things could leave us with a nice healthy balance.

In other words it would seem as though the problem of "Wilmington's Costs" could become no problem at all.

Who Gets Hurt?

This is a relative question, and one about which Mrs. Drew was worrying. The business men in the area presumably could be hurt, because the WHA will have the authority to take over their property, and is not required to sell it back. (It could, as we said before, sell the whole thing to some big out of town corporation if it should so wish).

Because business men could be hurt Redevelopment isn't 100% popular with some of the business men. The small businessman may suffer. We can only say that these people will admittedly be at the mercy of the WHA, and that the town would have to trust that the WHA in its good judgment would bear these people in mind as it makes its judgments.

Then there are the 13 families who live in the area. They too, presumably, could be hurt. All the WHA has to do is to honestly attempt to find them another place to live. It does not agree, flatly, to do so.

Figures cited recently in a Slum Redevelopment, in New York City (which is a horse of a different color) show that the proportion of families who were displaced, and who depended on the Authority to find them other homes was quite small. Whether such figures would hold in Wilmington we have no way of guessing.

Will It Pay?

Yes, from a financial viewpoint. The old dilapidated buildings now in the area would be replaced by buildings which would yield much more taxes to the town, and we would see stores in the area which would attract more business to the town -- a significant fact, for Wilmington spends all but about 4 or 5% of its money outside of the corporate bounds of Wilmington.

NOT JUST ONE INDUSTRY

Popular conception to the contrary, it is not just caused by one industry. People in Wilmington and Reading have had their scapegoat for the past twenty five years, and steadily pointed their finger at one particular industry (The Reading Chronicle, last week, in its "25 years ago" column remembered the odors of that time.)

There are, in the Aberjona Valley, which for all intents and purposes starts in South Wilmington; a number of industries and piggeries, in close proximity to one another. It is this close combination which is the evil genius of the situation, a mixture of odors as it were.

Perhaps there are places in that valley, the greater part of which is in the City of Woburn, which could easily remove their own particular affront to the nose of John Q. Public. But for some of them the task is not easy.

But easy or not, the average citizen has got to the point where he has stood enough, and is demanding action.

The headline of this week's paper shows one action that is being taken. Another action, reported in the Woburn Times several weeks ago concerns the same subject. It was this report which stated that not one industry alone was responsible. Unfortunately we have not been

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THE RAMPARTS WE WATCH BY HODGSON



(Wilmington Selectmen, last week, threatened to shut off water for Tewksbury if Tewksbury shut off water it sells to Fairmeadow Road)

TOWN NOTES

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Happy Birthday

We pause to note that one week from today May Swain will be 90 years old.

The sole survivor of the three Swain Sisters (Caroline Henrietta and Mary), she is still hale and hearty, at her home on West Street.

We have been intending to call on the lady for some time because we think that we have a picture of her father, Charles W. Swain, the man who founded the Wilmington Public Library.

Anyway, many happy returns of the day to May.

King Log

With Tim Courtney on vacation, acting Town Manager Fred Calabrese is busy as ever, on his assessing duties. Calabrese is not taking any action as Town Manager which could be deferred until Courtney returns.

A sort of King Log philosophy as it were.

The Town Hall, Monday evening was quiet -- for the first Monday in a long long time. No Selectmen's meeting, no TM working until the wee small hours of the morn -- just quiet in copious quantities.

Greasy Lions

We understand our local Lions Club is going to get their quota of elbow grease again, at Bill and Mel's, very shortly.

Bill and Mel are turning over their gas station, with all profits to go, to Lions' charities, for one whole day. The Lions of course, will do the work.

Greasy Lions, that's what we call it.

AVCO's Lobby

We had a preview, last week, in this paper, of the stone work that is proposed to be set up in the Lobby of the AVCO plant, down on Lowell St.

For our money AVCO will be just throwing away their money if they have the masonry work as it is shown in the photo.

The masons who built that sample aren't stone masons. They don't know how to fit stones. They just chopped away, and

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made them fit, without any idea of skill or workmanship.

Gold!

Talbot Emery came home from a vacation down in Maine the other day, and he has a tale to tell.

It seems that a contractor dumped a load of crushed stone somewhere near where Talbot was staying. Talbot picked up a nice piece of white quartz, from that crushed stone, and found that the quartz was gold

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able to get a copy, and our only knowledge is that which was published in the Times.

But there is a grain of comfort in that the State Department of Health is alert to the subject.

AND NOW IT IS EDUCATIONAL TV

By

Out of the Corner of His Mouth

Me, I've always been a great one to watch our Great and Wonderful State Legislature, as it spars and tosses each year with the Governor. I don't know any year in which there has been more sparring around, and less accomplished than the present one, although, when you come to think of it they haven't done very much since the time they voted the money for Route 28 so the boys in Boston could get to Rockingham race track quicker.

For the past ten years or so I have been hearing all kinds of growls about the laws that our legislature passes with regards to education. They pass an act, for instance, to help towns and cities build schools, and everybody kicks and says that it makes the towns and cities spend too much money, and that if places like Wilmington could build their schools without State Aid they could build them for half the cost.

I really don't know, it's just the squawks I hear, as I lean on this here mail box in Wilmington square.

The latest, according to the grapevine - I don't read the Boston newspapers any more - is that the Legislature - excuse me, the Great and Wonderful Legislature - has voted one buck per child per day, to put Television in the Schools.

Maybe it's all right - I don't know. I have not watched TV since I learned that those wrestling matches were fixed.

But maybe the kids will get something out of it -- what time does Howdy Doody come on, anyway?

TOWN NOTES

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bearing!

Now all he has to do is to find out where that quartz came from.

Someday we shall have to tell Talbot the story of the day

that the Boston Globe had a headline 'Gold Found in the Streets of Wilmington!'

Gremlins

We must have had gremlins in our office last week. That's the only way we can explain it. We have been preparing a sto-

ry about 'The Garden of Eden' We have spent some time at it, not that we are proud of the story - for we are not. We know it could be much better.

Anyway the gremlins got into the office and mixed things up so that we had a story about the first white child in Wilmington moving into town about 1840.

We also had a picture of his gravestone, except that the picture was of the stone which was used as a step in the first church built in Wilmington.

Just gremlins.

STATE THREATENS ACTION

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ment among the public health men that much of the trouble could be eliminated by better housekeeping.

The conference was called for the purpose of trying to work out a solution to the problem. Deputy Commissioner Sterling stated that it is not the desire of his Dept to put anyone out of business, that it is realized that business and industry are needed; that management of industries however must be responsible for conducting their businesses so that they are a credit to the community. After the Woburn dump, where open burning is practised, was cited as responsible for part of the smell he included municipalities as groups which must be responsible if individual concerns are to be controlled. He stated that his Dept will no longer approve open burning dumps in any thickly populated area, that sanitary land fill is necessary. Sterling promised that the State will continue investigating the Aberjona River and valley, that there will be more surveillance, and they will take action if there is no improvement. He commend-

ed the Woburn Board of Health for its efforts in soliciting cooperation from the offenders. Existing regulations of the Woburn Board of Health, if carried out, should completely eliminate the odors. Rep Frank Tanner said he had no comment as there was no need for any legislation.

Recommendations for piggeries include, besides good housekeeping and common sense, the feeding of garbage only from concrete platforms, treating of manure piles with chlorate of lime, and covering of refuse with gravel, as a continuous operation, not just after issuance of a complaint.

Recommendations for industry were, in addition to better housekeeping and a sense of responsibility, prevention of lagoons from becoming stagnant treatment of waste by solvents or other means, covering of dumps of fleshings; and no spreading of solids or sludge on the land.

CERTIFICATES FOR READING

Lists of books read this summer may be now submitted to the Librarian for consideration in the awarding of certificates, announced Mrs Chipman this week. Children up through the sixth grade are eligible to try for the certificate for having read five books or for the special honor certificate awarded for twenty books. Credit is given for books read at each child's own reading level. All lists should be in by the opening of school.

Children's books have been available this summer not only at the Public Library, but also at summer branches conducted at the homes of volunteers. Deposits of books were circulated among Mrs Barbara Dayton of Burlington Ave, Mrs Betty Newell of Hathaway Acres, Mrs Margaret Imbimbo of Silver Lake, Mrs Evelyn Norton of Wildwood St, and Mrs Esther Hall of Linda Road.



BIRTHDAY CAKE

TOWN ENGINEER GEORGE MAYNARD WAS SURPRISED LAST FRIDAY, BY A BIRTHDAY CAKE, BAKED BY HIS WIFE AND BROUGHT DOWN TO THE TOWN HALL. THE CAKE IS A MINATURE GRAVEL TRUCK, LOADED WITH CHOCOLATES TO SIMULATE GRAVEL.

(MR. MAYNARD, AS TOWN ENGINEER, IS CHARGED WITH ENFORCING THE GRAVEL REGULATIONS, PROMULGATED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, A TASK THAT IS NOT TOO EASY.)

HORTICULTURAL BOOK LOAN PERIOD EXTENDED

The public library loan collection of the Mass. Horticultural Society which has been at the Library during August will remain until the end of September.

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The family of the late Charles J. Hembree extend their sincere thanks to their many friends who extended aid and sympathy during their hour of bereavement.

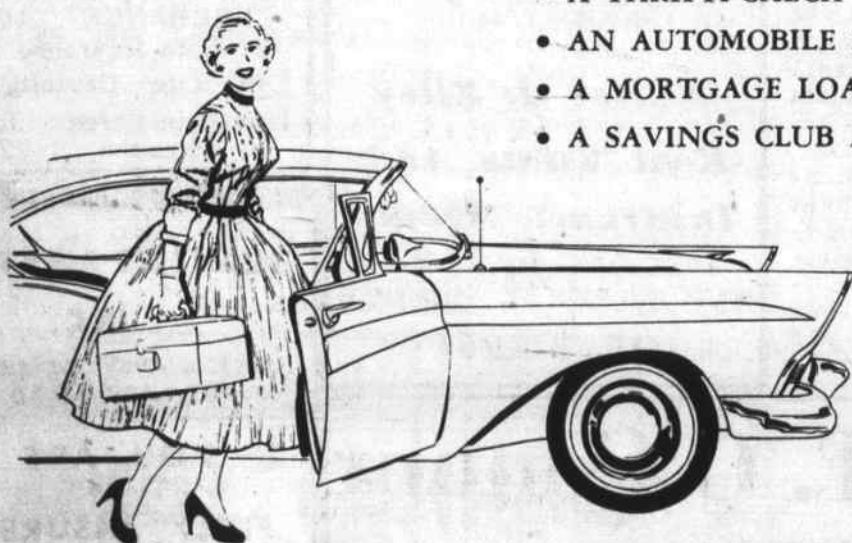
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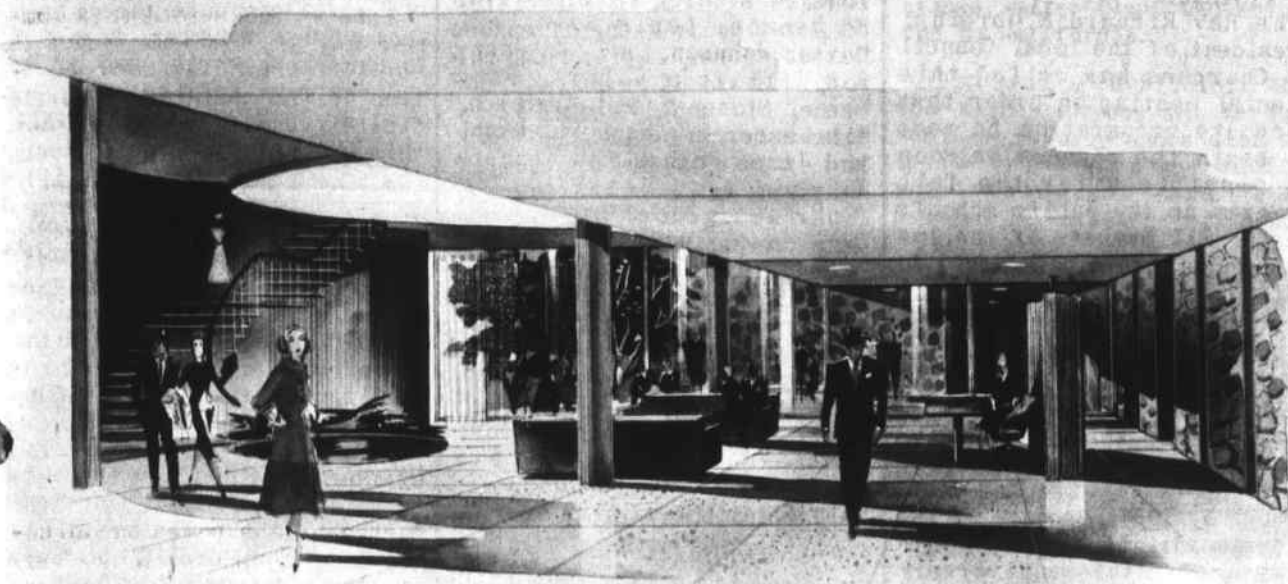
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ROTARY HOSTS DISTRICT GOVERNOR

The Rotary Club of Wilmington was host recently to Kenneth I. Faulkner, Governor of District 793, formerly known as district 288, of Rotary International. The Governor is making his annual visit to each club, which totals 34 clubs in District 793, one of five such rotary districts in Mass.

Mr. Faulkner is the owner of Faulkner's Cleansing in Melrose, and a member and past president of the Rotary Club of Melrose. He was formerly a Vice President of the Melrose YMCA, a director of the Melrose Chamber of Commerce, a director of the Community Council, and an executive committee member of the Red Cross. He is past president of the New England Alumni Chapter of the National Institute of dry-cleaning at Silver Spring, Md. He was elected as a District Governor of Rotary International for the 1957-58 fiscal year, at Rotary's 48th Annual convention which was held at Lucerne, Switzerland, last May. He is one of 249 District Governors, supervising the activities of more than 9500 Rotary clubs which have a membership of 446,000 business and professional executives in 102 countries throughout the free world.

Wherever Rotary clubs are located, president John Gleason asserted, in discussing the Governor's visit, their activities are similar to those of the Rotary Club of Wilmington, because they are based on the same general objectives - working together to advance the Rotary program of community betterment activities, high standards of business and professional life, and the furtherance of international understanding, good will and peace.

To promote international understanding, Rotary International is engaged in a worldwide program of Rotary foundation fellowships which provides grants of one year of study abroad, as ambassadors of good will, to outstanding college graduates. In the past eleven years Rotary Fellowships have been awarded to 954 young men and women from 61 countries. Grants average \$2500 and total to more than \$2,250,000.

The Governor gave a very interesting talk on the differ-

ent avenues of Rotary. He told of what takes place at the rotary conventions, which gave the group a good idea of the mechanics of this great organization. His talk was well-received, and the groups are looking for some future visit by the governor.

RECREATION COMMISSION

The Silver Lake Beach will officially close on Labor Day evening at eight o'clock but not before the 4th annual Recreation Swimming Carnival has been completed. Events are scheduled to start at 1:30 in the afternoon and winners in all classes will receive trophies and medals which are made possible through the cooperation of the Wilmington Planning Board.

There will be classes for both boys and girls in each age bracket and the first four classes will include children from the beginner's age to sixteen years of age. All contestants must be identified by their residence in the town and should have beach tags available. The distance and underwater swims will be open to all comers.

Races will be as follows: Pee-Wee for boys and girls up to the age of seven; midget race for boys and girls up to the age of ten; intermediate races for 11 and 12 year olds, and junior races for 13-14-15 years of age. There will be long distance and underwater events which will be open to all-comers.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Morning worship, with Kinderkirk, at 9:30 am. Mr. David Smith, a student at Bangor Theological Seminary, will share the pulpit with the minister and will deliver the sermon.

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ANCIENT CHURCH RELIC PRESENTED TO THE CATHEDRAL OF THE PINES

A 14th century relic from a Danish cloister was presented to the Cathedral of the Pines, in Rindge New Hampshire recently, in memory of Peter Neilson, long time resident of the Town of Wilmington. The relic, a brick ornament, was acquired by Mr. Neilson on his last trip to Denmark, in 1951, and came from the Asmild Kloster (Cloister) in Jutland. Another relic, obtained by Mr. Neilson at the same time is a stone ax, dating from about 8,000 BC. It is still in the possession of Mrs. Neilson, at her home at 254 Glen Road.

Mr. Neilson, who served on the School Committee of Wilmington for 10 years, and on the Library Committee for even longer, emigrated to Wilmington in

1894 at the age of 18. He was in the contracting business, in Wilmington for 60 years prior to his death in 1953.

BOOK CIRCULATION HITS NEW HIGH

Circulation of books from the Public Library has reached a new high this summer, according to Mrs. Clara Chipman, Librarian. In the first seven months of 1957, 15,250 books were borrowed, an increase of 2,150 over the same period for last year. On Tuesday, August 13, an all-time high for a single day was set. The circulation was 248, exclusive of magazines and records, which are also circulated. Tuesdays are consistently the busiest days, reports Mrs. Chipman, and also the most popular with adult borrowers.

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BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held in the Town Hall on Thursday August 29, 1957 at 8:00 pm on the request of John C. Jensen of Lawrence Street for a variance in the Zoning Laws to allow for the erection of a garage closer to the lot line than the law requires.

Walter L. Hale, Jr., Chmn
Board of Appeals

BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held in the Town Hall on Thursday August 29, 1957 at 8:30 pm on the request of Wilbur F. Thomas, of Lowell Street for a variance in the Zoning Laws to allow for the erection of a house on a non-conforming lot on Lowell Street.

Walter L. Hale, Jr., Chmn
Board of Appeals

COMMONWEALTH OF

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EDWARD J. CRONIN

Secretary of the Commonwealth

Boston, August 16, 1957

Notice is hereby given, of the discontinuance of the license of Industrial Warehouse Corp. of Wilmington as a Public Warehouseman within and for the town of Wilmington; by reason of their resignation of said office.

Edward J. Cronin,
Secretary of the
Commonwealth.

A22-29-S5

RELEASED TIME TEACHERS TO MEET WITH CHURCH COUNCIL

The persons who have already designated a desire to teach in the Released Time program to be sponsored by the Protestant Churches of Wilmington and those who may wish to teach or serve as substitute teachers will meet in the vestry of the Wilmington Methodist Church on Thursday evening, Aug 22 at 8 pm.

A number of persons have been given the teacher and pupil manuals prepared for use by the Massachusetts Council of Churches, and the general curriculum will be discussed at this meeting. Location of classes and time schedules

will also be on the agenda for the evening.

The Rev Richard E. Harding, president of the local Council of Churches has called this special meeting in order that adequate preparation be made to begin the classes as soon as possible after the fall program at the public schools begin. All members of the local council have been urged to attend this meeting.

NEW STAMP TO BE ISSUED

The Post Office department will issue a 3-cent stamp to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Marquis de La Fayette, on September 6, 1957. Because of the widespread interest in the observance of this anniversary the following cities closely associated with his memory have been chosen for simultaneous first day sales of this stamp:

Easton, Pennsylvania - the site of La Fayette College
Fayetteville, No Carolina - the first town in America named for La Fayette.

Louisville, Kentucky - where the opening day of the 1957 Kentucky State Fair is La Fayette Day.

These stamps may be obtained at the Wilmington, Mass post office shortly after Sept 6th.

APPEAL BOARD TURNS DOWN SIGN OVER SIDEWALK

An appeal, by a contractor for a photographic shop, to be opened shortly on Main Street, for the right to have an eight foot sign project from the building has been turned down by the Board of Appeals.

The appeal, heard last Thursday, was by the Batten Bros. of Wakefield, sign makers. The Board of Appeals was told that the sign would project only a few inches over the sidewalk, at the very most.

Discussion during the hearing was to the effect that the sidewalk was at least partly under the control of the State Department of Public Works, and that a previous request of the same type had been turned down because of this fact.

CHARLES M. ELLIS UNDERGOES THIRD OPERATION

Charles M. Ellis, of Adelman Road underwent the third of a series of operations, in the Portland Maine General Hospital, last week.

Mr. Ellis is reported to be resting comfortably.

ROTARY CLUB MEETS

The weekly meeting of the Wilmington Rotary Club was held last Wednesday at noon, at the Masonic Hall. The president John Gleason presided. After the usual opening ceremonies, the president called upon Rev Stanley Cummings to offer the invocation.

The president then introduced

the following visiting rotarians; Les Carey from Medford, Ed Hanson, Louis Roessler, Dexter Johnson, and Ken Johnson, all from Woburn, Fred Keene, Stoneham, Bob Kroepsch, Winchester, Wm Haskell, Lynn, and James Putnam and Kenneth Johnson from Reading. Tom Croke introduced his guest, Gene Croke, Alan Altman introduced Chas Ellsworth, and Ray Fitch introduced Red MacDonald.

After the luncheon the group, led by John Cafison at the piano, sang the rotarians' visiting song.

Secy Stanley Cummings spoke on the attendance. A short board of directors meeting was held after the regular meeting.

ENGAGEMENT

Mrs Carl P. Hannus of 11 Van

Norden Rd., Woburn, Mass., wishes to announce the engagement of her daughter, Rachel H to Robert S. White, son of Mr and Mrs John A. White, Sr., of Glen Rd., Wilmington. A fall wedding is planned.

STATE INSPECTORS CLAMP 'BLUE LAWS' ON GAS STATIONS

Wilmington gas stations received a rude jolt Sunday when State inspectors came into town, and enforced a 'blue law' prohibiting work on Sundays.

Changing oil, and greasing are prohibited by the law which the inspectors were enforcing. In one station a car which was on the 'lift' was ordered off, preemptorily.



THE WILLIAM BUTTERS II HOME

BUILT BY WILLIAM BUTTERS II, FIRST WHITE CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, IT STILL STANDS, ADJACENT TO THE APPLE MONUMENT ON CHESTNUT STREET. IT WAS IN THIS HOME THAT JIMMY BUTTERS LIVED, AT THE TIME THE BALDWIN APPLE WAS 'DISCOVERED'.

THE GARDEN OF EDEN

(cont. fr. Last Week)

The Garden itself backs up against a hill, in Burlington which has been known from the earliest explorations as Wood Hill - and is still so called

today.

The earliest record of Mill Road refers to this hill 'The Road to Will Butter's over Wood Hill' - (Woburn Town Records - 1665)

In the middle of the Garden the granite rocks have been cleft, probably by an early earthquake, and a small stream meanders down from the hills of Burlington. It is a chasm which can hardly be seen, but it is over a quarter of a mile long, about 100 feet deep and about twice as wide. Approach is difficult.

Such a place, of course, was a natural setting for a mill.

And such a place did have a mill 'Clapps Mill' which was in full operation just after the Civil War, and was the only mill in Wilmington capable of handling large and extra large beams.

Perhaps there was a mill here before Clapps Mill. We have found no record, but we can hardly see the early colonials overlooking such a site.

Noah Clapps who owned and ran the mill known by his name first lived on Burlington Avenue, at the site of the present home of the Hersom estate formerly the Roberts Estate.

Clapp moved to a home in the Garden, which he built sometime about 1870, and his home on Burlington Avenue was later moved to a site across from

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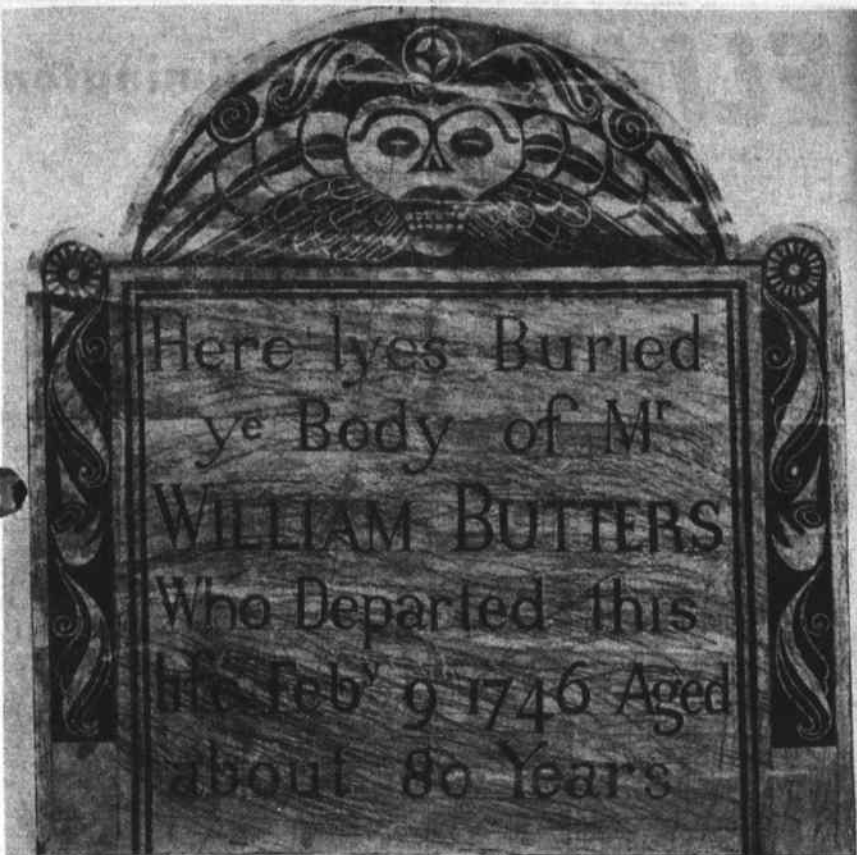
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THE GRAVESTONE OF THE FIRST MAN BORN IN WILMINGTON

THE GRAVESTONE OF WILLIAM BUTTERS II, FIRST WHITE CHILD BORN IN WHAT IS NOW WILMINGTON. IT LIES IN THE OLD CEMETERY, ADJACENT TO THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH. MR. BUTTERS WAS BORN IN A HOUSE WHICH STOOD ON THE CORNER OF MILL ROAD AND CHESTNUT STREET, AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE FIRST BOARD OF SELECTMEN ELECTED AFTER WILMINGTON BECAME A TOWN. IN 1730.



THE SAMUEL BUTTERS HOME

AS IT APPEARS TODAY, NOW THE HOME OF WALTER HINXMAN. IT WAS BUILT IN 1712, BY SAMUEL BUTTERS, AND WAS BUILT AS A GARRISON HOUSE, FOR PROTECTION AGAINST THE INDIANS. IT HAS BEEN MUCH ALTERED IN SHAPE, THROUGH THE YEARS. FOR MANY YEARS IT WAS A TWO FAMILY HOME, AND THE RELATIVE PROSPERITY OF THE TWO FAMILIES COULD BE JUDGED BY WHICH SIDE HAD THE LATEST COAT OF PAINT.

IT WAS FROM THIS HOME THAT AVERY SAW THE FIRE START, WHICH BURNED DOWN THE HOME OF NOAH CLAPP.

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Boutwell Street, where it stands today.

He had moved into Wilmington during the early 1840's. According to the Wilmington Record of Births, Marriages and Deaths, Clapp had three daughters, one of whom died during the Civil War. According to the late Frank Eames Clapp had seven daughters. Perhaps some of them were born before he moved to Wilmington, although there is reason to doubt this.

It was Noah Clapp who built the present stone dam, and walls that remain as the ruins of the old mill. It was he

garden - the home was burned down under peculiar circumstance, after Clapp had emigrated to California.

Clapp went to California for the same reason the 49'ers went -- Gold. Unlike some of the 49'ers Clapp found what he was looking for, and later settled in Oakland, California.

After Clapp moved the mills run by several of the Butters family, and they extended the stone wall - a massive affair twenty feet wide and just as high, to make the dam higher. It is on record that one of the Butters family lost an arm, in an explosion, while they were blasting rock, at this time - probably while 'tamping' the blasting hole.

One of the homes in the area, now nothing but a wreck was the place where Jimmy Butters was born - he who owned the Baldwin Apple Tree at the time of its 'discovery'. The home stands today, in the middle of an overgrown yard, a disgrace to its former appearance.

This home was bought, about 100 years ago, by the grandfather of Mrs Herbert Barrows, who emigrated to this country from England about 100 years ago. It was here that Mrs Barrows - then Nina Kincaid, lived as a girl, and it was to this home that Herb used to drive his very smart team of horses, every evening, while he was courting her - a sight that remains clearly in the eyes of all who ever saw Herb in his younger days.

Many is the time that we have heard the old timers of Wilmington comment on that team, and that buggy, which Herb drove in those days.

After Noah Clapp moved to Oakland California his home stood empty for several years, and gradually became a hang-out for traveling hoboes.

The house finally burned down. The story of its burning was told in part by Everett Avery, who lived in the house where Walter Hinxman now lives - the old Samuel Butters house, built as a 'Garrison House' against Indian attacks, in 1712. Everett was a man who didn't go to bed at night. He preferred to sit on the porch, and doze.

One night, while he was so dozing he noticed a man heading for Mill Road. Much later this same man came back - it was perhaps at midnight.

Then, a few hours later Everett awoke on his easy chair to the realization that there was a fire, down in the Garden of Eden. It was, of course, the Clapp home, and it is presumed that the stranger had left a burning candle in the home - deliberately, perhaps.

(cont. next week)

CONTROLLING COMMON FLEAS

Owners of dogs and cats may find that even though the house is closed up and the pets are away, the fleas will stay. They may prove quite a problem unless suitable precautions are taken.

The common fleas of dogs and cats can live for several weeks without food, and in the absence of animals may become

hungry enough to be an irritating nuisance to humans.

To prevent this from happening, floors and rugs should receive a thorough vacuum cleaning before closing the house for vacation. Then they should be sprayed with a house hold preparation containing DDT, methoxychlor, or pyrethrum. Areas should receive special attention, since these are the places where the greatest build-up of parasites can be expected.

Should the above precautions be neglected and fleas are a problem on your return from vacation, the same materials may be used for effective eradicating. However, the spray should also cover the area of the baseboards or up the walls for about a foot. If a large population of fleas has been allowed to build up, repeated spraying of insecticide may be necessary.

Normal care is essential in the use of insecticides. Directions and precautions listed on the container should be closely followed. This is particularly important in the use of flea control materials on the bodies of household pets. Be certain that you do not apply materials which will cause skin irritation, or, as in the case of cats, might prove injurious if licked off on the pet's tongue.

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Miss Carr is a graduate of Wilmington High School, and Mansfield Beauty Academy.

Mr Cushing also graduated from Wilmington High School, and is employed by the Lawrence Carr Amusement Co.

**JANET CONDREY**

Miss Janet Condrey, daughter of Mr and Mrs Stephen Condrey of 50 Middlesex Avenue, who is to teach 7th and 8th grade English in the Wilmington Public Schools, starting in September. A member of the Class of 1951 in Wilmington High School, Miss Condrey is a graduate of Regis College, Class of 1955, and has taught school in El Paso Texas, for the past two years.

BIRTHS

WALLY, Baby girl to Ethel Helen (Hedley) and Kenneth Wally, Rollins Rd, Wilmington, Aug 13th.

FRIEBERG, Christine Linda, to Ruth Rose (Carlson) and Wilford Arnold Friberg, Seaford St, No Wilmington, Aug 14th.

RUSSE, Richard, to Grace Marie (Horton) and Rudolph B Russo, 284 Main St, Wilmington.

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**MARY LOU SWAIN BECOMES
BRIDE OF ANDOVER MAN**

White and pink gladiolus decorated St. Augustin's Church, in Andover, on August 3rd, for the marriage of Miss Mary Lou Swain, daughter of Mr and Mrs. Lester M. Swain of 116 Andover Street to Mr. Richard J Gloddy son of Mr and Mrs Nelson Gloddy of Woburn St, Andover.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore white satin over tulle, with a finger tip veil, and a crown of white orchid. She carried a spray of stephanotis over her white Bible.

The Reverend Father Smith of St. Augustin united the couple in marriage.

Mrs Virginia La Coss, a sister of the bride was the matron of honor. She wore a green nylon gown, and carried a matching bouquet of yellow daisies and green and white chrysanthemums.

The bridesmaids were Mrs Virginia Malone, and Miss Dorothy Paine. They wore yellow nylon, with matching bouquets.

Mr Gerald Gloddy, brother of the groom was best man, and the ushers were Mr Richard Gervais and Mr Edward McCarty, both of Andover.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the Riverview in Tewksbury, with music provided by an orchestra. The guest book was in charge of Mrs Bernard Bacon, of 114 Andover Street.

For her reception line gown Mrs Swain chose an aqua blue dress, with pink accessories. The mother of the groom wore a pink and gray dress, with white accessories.

For her going away costume the new Mrs. Gloddy chose a blue print dress, with a navy linen coat, white hat, gloves, shoes and purse, and wore a white orchid. The honeymoon was spent at Lake George, N.Y. The couple are now at home, in Stoneham.

Mrs. Gloddy is a graduate of Wilmington High School, and had been employed at the Lever Brothers, in Cambridge. Her husband is a graduate of Andover High, and a veteran of three years service in the US Army. He is employed by the J. O. Whitten Company, of Winchester.

**SHOWER TO BE HELD AT
HOTEL BRADFORD**

A shower in honor of the forthcoming marriage of Miss Barbara Hughes, Dorchester, to Mr Glen Connolly, Wilmington, will be given Thursday, Aug 22, at the Bradford Hotel Carousel Room, Boston, at 7 pm.

Girls at the Liberty Mutual Insurance Co, where Miss Hughes is employed, are sponsoring the shower.

Chairman is Miss Marieann St Hilaire, Wilmington, assisted by Barbara Lee and Mildred Williams, both of Roxbury.

Miss Hughes and Mr Connolly will be wed on Sept 7 in Dorchester.

**VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL TO
CONCLUDE WITH FAMILY
WORSHIP SERVICE**

The Vacation Church School being sponsored by the Wilmington Methodist Church will conclude its two week program on Friday, Aug 23 with a family worship service to which all parents are invited. The service will take place in the sanctuary of the church with the members of the Junior Department providing special music as a Junior Choir. Parents have also been invited to attend the school during the morning hours and visit with

the classes. A movie on Christian Family life will be shown earlier in the morning and parents have also been invited to view this movie.

The members, friends, and parents of the children participating in the school join with the Rev Richard Harding in expressing sincere gratitude to those who have given their services these two weeks. Those persons include Paul Bodenstein, Assoc. Director, Mrs Robt Clark, Supt of the Kindergarten Dept, Mrs Roland Wood, Supt of Primary Dept, Mrs Donald Young, Supt of Jr Dept, Mrs Waldo Stevens, Mrs Fred Kenderdine, Mrs Raymond Gardner, Mrs Ralph Newell, Misses Judy and Jayne MacMelville, Misses Marion and Nancy Taylor John Robertson, Miss Betsy Flight, Miss Charlene Sullivan Miss Jean Sidelinker, with Mrs James Madden and Mrs Albert Valentino in charge of refreshments.

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**SERMONS ON PARABLES OF JESUS
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METHODIST CHURCH**

The Rev Richard E Harding will continue his summer series of sermons on the parables of Jesus, Sunday, Aug 25 at 9 am. At this time he will preach on the topic: 'Two Weren't Afraid', based on the parable of the talents.

Miss Yolandi Moe will be soloist and Mrs Raymond Gardner organist for the service of worship. Families are reminded that a nursery class for small children meets during the worship hour, thus enabling parents to worship with their older children.

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LEAN SHORT SHANK

**SMOKED
SHOULDERS**39[¢]_{1B}**CHICKENS**39[¢]_{1B}**VEAL CUTLETS**79[¢]_{1B}**APPLES**MACINTOSH
3 LBS.29[¢]**CATSUP**(SAVE 10[¢])

HUNTS OR SNIDERS

2 BOT.

29[¢]

SUNSHINE

KRISPY CRACKERS27[¢]_{1B}**Hi Ho**36[¢]_{1B}

SUNKIST FROZEN

LEMONADE10[¢]_{CAN}

WE ARE OVERLOADED WITH EXCELLENT QUALITY BULK TEA. WE WILL SELL IT FOR 98¢ A POUND WHILE IT LASTS. I PERSONALLY GUARENTEE THIS TEA TO BE AS GOOD QUALITY AS ANY NATIONALLY ADVERTISED TEA- AND YOU SAVE -
60¢ A POUND

preacher of the Methodist Church will preach the sermon in Mr Harding's absence. He will be the guest minister at the Wesley Methodist Church in Springfield, where he was one of the summer preacher's last year.

**OLIN LONDONS VISITING
WILMINGTON**

Mr and Mrs Olin London, of Dutors, Pennsylvania are visiting her mother, Mrs. Miriam Ware of Church Street. They expect to stay here two weeks.

**WINNER ON T.V. SHOW**

MRS NORMA MANUEL, OF HOBSON AVENUE, WHO WON A FURNITURE SET, ON A GIVE-A-WAY SHOW ON WBZ TV LAST WEEK. MRS. MANUEL'S HUSBAND JOSEPH IS THE MAN WHO WAS KNIFED BY HITCHHIKERS ON JULY 14TH, DOWN ON LOWELL STREET. HE IS AN AMPUTEE WHO IS AGAIN BACK IN THE HOSPITAL, UNDERGOING MORE OPERATIONS.

MRS MANUEL WAS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TV SHOW AS THE RESULT OF A LETTER BY ELWOOD HAYNES, 17 YEAR OLD BOY WHO BEFRIENDED THE FAMILY. AND NOW LIVES WITH THEM.